

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to place this application in better form for initial examination.

Drawings

In Fig. 4, reference numeral 31 was erroneously assigned to refer to the endless belt. By this Amendment, Applicants have changed reference numeral 31 in this figure to reference numeral 35a. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added by this change, and it is respectfully requested that corrected Fig. 4 be made part of the record of this application.

Conclusion

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Catherine M. Voisinet (Reg. No. 52,327) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Attached hereto is(are) one (1) sheet(s) of corrected drawings that comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.84. The corrected drawings incorporate the following drawing changes:

FIG. 4 - reference number 31 has been changed to 35a

It is respectfully requested that the corrected drawings be approved and made a part of the record of the above-identified application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Replacement drawing for Fig. 4